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THE King has published an Edict for the putting down the Brass-mony to its Entrinsick value, which is one half less then it before went for, and will be as great an advantage to the Crown as a loss to the people, to whom, to make this the more easie, the King has commanded that whatever is owing to him for Duties upon the Exportation or Importation of Commodities for eight years past, shall be paid in these Brass-monies at the Rate it was formerly currant at; and besides has absolutely quitted all people of all Arrears of Rents of Lands which are owing by them to his Majesty. Two days since the Duke *de Medina Celi* received a Letter from the King, wherein his Majesty declared that he had made choice of him to be his first Minister of State, and accordingly he has received the Compliments of the Grandees and all the Foreign Ministers, and has begun to exercise that high charge.

Prague, March 13. Count *Mansfelt* is come hither to receive his Instructions, and will very speedily begin his journy for *France*; and Count *Lamberg*, who goes for *Berlin*, will part from hence certainly the next week. Our last Letters from *Constantinople* gave an account, that the Grand Visier would not go into the Field this Summer, and that the Ottoman Army was not so formidable, as it used to be; that there were great complaints of the Grand Visiers Government; That he had put an Affront upon the French Ambassador, who, being at his own appointment, to have an Audience of him, was forced to wait from morning to night, before he was admitted; And that the Janissaries at *Babylon* had revolted, and put themselves under the protection of the King of *Persia*. The States of *Hungary* were to meet at *Presbourg* the 11th instant, to endeavor to find out some effectual way for the composing the affairs of that Kingdom.

Cologne, March 16. The Count *d'Archinto*, the Spanish Envoy, has been at the Courts of the Electors of *Ments* and *Trier*, to confer with them concerning the present posture of affairs. From *Ratisbonne* we have an account, that the States assembled there had resolved to pray the Emperor to remove the Dyet, in case the Plague should break out there, to some other convenient place; and that his Imperial Majesty would think of putting an end to it, so soon as they had setled the matters concerning the Monies, and the security of the Empire.

Hamburg, March 19. *Stade*, as we told you in our last, was delivered to the [illegible]des the 13th instant. The King of *Denmark* pretends great Arrears of Contributions from the Country of *Holstein*, and in default of payment threatens it with military execution. Commissioners are appointed by *Denmark* and *Sueden* for the adjusting all things concerning the evacuation of *Wismar*.

Hamburg, March 26. The Letters we have from *Denmark* speak as if the Seamen that King is now raising, were intended for the French service, which we can hardly give credit to. The Suedes go on with their design of enlarging *Landscroon* both in Circuit, Trade, and Priviledges. On the 20th of the next month the Princess of *Denmark* will pass over to *Schonen*, the King of *Sueden* intending to meet and receive her at *Helsingburg*. The last Post from *France* brought hither Bills of Exchange for 100000 Crowns more, payable to the Duke of *Zell*.

Brussels, March 26. The French disquiet us daily with the new Pretentions they still make upon some place or other. They are fortifying a great many places, which will employ them most of this Summer. On our side we talk of fortifying some place on the *Meuse* above *Namur*, since there is no appearance of the French quitting *Dinant*. We are expecting our next Letters from *Spain* will tell us that a new Governor of these Countries is declared, most people think it will be the Duke of *Neuburg*, who has the Queen-Mothers Interests for him. At *Madrid* they were preparing an *Opera* for the Court, which would cost 100000 Crowns at least.

Hague, March 25. Sir *Robert Southwell* began his Journy yesterday for *Berlin*, where he is expected with some impatience. Count *Lamberg* the Emperors Envoy, will be likewise there in a short time to confer with his Electoral Highness concerning the present conjuncture of Affairs, who seems still to have some resentment of the separate Peace the Emperor made, which his Electoral Highness says has exposed the Empire to those affronts it daily receives from *France*. The Prince of *Orange* has had several Conferences with Feldt-Mareschal *Waldeck*, and other General Officers, concerning the fortifying of several places in *Flanders*; and it's said his Highness intends to go and visit those places before he takes his journy towards *Zell*, to Hunt.

Hague, March 29. Lieutenant-General *Spaen* is now here, to sollicite the Arrears of Subsidies due to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, who, till he have satisfaction therein, will not deliver the Fort of *Schenck* to the States. The Bishop of *Strasburg* had lately a meeting with the Bishop of *Munster*; and, as we are informed, one of his businesses was to borrow 3000 of his men, which were to be joined with a Body of French and other Troops belonging to the Elector of *Cologn*, for the recovering the Towns of *Hasselt* and *Maseyck*, which the States now keep by way of Reprisal, for the unjust Contributions that were exacted by the Officers of that Elector from the Subjects of this State, during the late War; but the Bishop excused it, and declared his Resolution of living in a perfect Friendship and good Correspondence with this State. The Princess of *Orange* is somewhat indisposed again. The Lord *Boimyn*, who is going for *Denmark*, is arrived here in his way thither. The States of *Holland* continue still their Assembly, but are not come to any Resolution in their Domestique Affairs; It's believed they will adjourn about 10 days hence to the middle of *May*.

Marseilles,